

City Council Introduction: December 2, 2013

Bill Number **13R-281**

Public Hearing: December 9, 2013

FACT SHEET

TITLE: "Eliminating the trips, so they have a safe trip" program

SPONSOR: Public Works & Utilities

OPPONENTS: Unknown

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:
Planning, Health

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

APPLICANT: Public Works & Utilities

REASON FOR LEGISLATION: To provide authorization and agreement to the terms of the "Safe Routes to School" funding program administration.

DISCUSSION

The "Safe Routes to School" program developed for Nebraska is intended to assist local public agencies in implementing projects that enable and encourage K-8 children to safely walk and bike to school. Desired outcome include:

- Increased bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic safety
- More children walking and biking to and from schools
- Decreased traffic congestion
- Improved childhood health
- Reduced childhood obesity
- Encouragement of healthy and active lifestyles
- Improved air quality
- Improved community safety
- Reduced fuel consumption
- Increased community security
- Enhanced community accessibility
- Increased community involvement
- Improvements to the physical environment that increase the ability to walk and bicycle to and from schools
- Increased interest in bicycle and pedestrian accommodations throughout a community

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: No

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$500,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal Funds Administrated by NDOR

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